

Proclamation

Across our Nation and the State of Hawai'i, more than 800,000 courageous men and women have dedicated their lives to protecting our families, homes and communities. On Peace Officers Memorial Day, we honor the memory of those heroes who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize all those who put themselves in harm's way in the fight against crime, violence and terrorism. On Peace Officers Memorial Day, we pause today to remember those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. These brave individuals accepted the responsibilities of a noble calling and were willing to face danger for our safety.

Hawai'i's law enforcement officers are the front line in protecting our citizens against violence and disorder, safeguarding life and property, fighting the war on drugs, creating safe roads, upholding the law and defending our freedom.

These law enforcement officers come from many backgrounds and cultures. They vary in age and experiences, and live in many different communities. What they share is the fundamental qualities of discipline, integrity and courage. The public service our law enforcement officers provide to our community is invaluable, and we are most grateful to them and their families for all of their sacrifices on our behalf.

Today, we recognize these fallen heroes by having their names engraved into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and show the respect of a grateful State and Nation by flying the American and State of Hawai'i flags at half-staff from sunrise to sunset, in honor of this national observance.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2006, as

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

in Hawai'i, and call upon all the people of Hawai'i to observe this day with the appropriate ceremonies.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this tenth day of May 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. 'Duke" Aiona, Ai

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i